

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 DAR ES 04179 121111Z

22

ACTION AF-08

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 IO-13 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02

INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15

USIA-06 EB-07 AID-05 /092 W
----- 076834

R 121010Z NOV 76

FM AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3211

INFO AMEMBASSY ACCRA

AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMEMBASSY DAKAR

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

AMEMBASSY PARIS

USMISSION USUN NY

USMISSION GENEVA

C O N F I D E N T I A L DAR ES SALAAM 4179

E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, TZ, NI

SUBJECT: TANZANIAN-NIGERIAN RELATIONS: NYERERE ANNOUNCES

VISIT

REF: DAR ES SALAAM A-66 (NOTAL)

1. NAMES AND PLACES

TANGOV FINALLY ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY NOV 10 THAT PRESIDENT NYERERE WILL PAY A FIVE-DAY STATE VISIT TO NIGERIA NOV 16-21, AT THE INVITATION OF NIGERIAN HEAD OF STATE GENERAL OBASANJO. NYERERE IS SCHEDULED TO ATTEND A CONVOCATION CEREMONY AT IBADAN UNIVERSITY, AND TO VISIT KANO, YOLA, AND ENUGU.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 DAR ES 04179 121111Z

NYERERE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY FOUR CABINET MINISTERS:

FOREIGN MINISTER IBRAHIM KADUMA, MINISTER OF STATE PETER SIYOVELWA; MINISTER FOR DEFENCE AND NATIONAL SERVICE, EDWARD SOKOINE; AND MINISTER FOR NATIONAL CULTURE AND YOUTH, MIRISHO SARAKIKYA. KADUMA IS SOCIALIST IDEOLOGUE; SIYOVELWA IS PRESIDENTIAL TROUBLE-SHOOTER WHO ALSO KEEPS TRACT OF SECURITY AFFAIRS; AND SARAKIKYA, IN ADDITION TO BEING CULTURAL CHIEF (AND SPORTS BUFF) IS INFORMER COMMANDER TANZANIAN ARMED FORCES.

2. TANZANIAN VIEWS OF NIGERIA

NYERERE LOOKS ON NIGERIA WITH MIXED FEELINGS. ON ONE HAND, HE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT NIGERIA IS STRONGEST BLACK AFRICAN STATE, AND THANKS TO ITS OIL THE ONLY ONE WITH SIGNIFICANT POTENTIAL FOR PROVIDING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO ITS FELLOWS. SINCE OVERTHROW OF GENERAL GOWON, NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO TAKEN AN INCREASINGLY ACTIVIST AND MILITANT POSITION WITH REGARD TO SOUTHERN AFRICAN MATTERS IN WHICH NYERERE IS PERSONALLY CONCERNED.

BUT NYERERE DOES NOT FEEL EASY WITH NIGERIA. HE DISLIKES MILITARY GOVERNMENTS ON PRINCIPLE. THE NIGERIAN MILITARY LEADERS IMPRESS HIM AS BOTH SELF-SEEKING AND OVERLY COOPERATIVE WITH WESTERN FOREIGN INVESTMENT. NOR CAN HE FORGET WHAT HE SAW AS THE BRUTALITY OF THE FMG DURING THE BIAFRA WAR. IT WILL BE REMEMBERED THAT TANZANIA WAS ONE OF THE FIVE NATIONS TO RECOGNIZE BIAFRA. NYERERE HAD HOPED THAT GENERAL MURTEZA MIGHT BE MORE FAVORABLE TO SOCIALIST REFORM THAN HIS PREDECESSORS, BUT HE HAS NOW GONE. WHILE TANZANIA UNDOUBTEDLY WELCOMES THE INCREASED MILITANCE OF NIGERIAN PRONONCMENTS, NYERERE PROBABLY FEARS THAT SIGNIFICANTLY GREATER NIGERIAN INVOLVEMENT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA COULD REDUCE THE LEADING ROLE WHICH HE NOW PLAYS AS CHAIRMAN OF THE FIVE "FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS". THE UNIQUE FMG PRESENCE AT THE GENEVA TALKS ON RHODESIA MAY TROUBLE HIM AS A HARBINGER OF THE FUTURE, IF NOT AN IMMEDIATE PROBLEM.

3. PROSPECTS FOR THE VISIT

NYERERE EVIDENTLY HOPES THAT HIS VISIT WILL INCREASE TANZANIAN INFLUENCE WITH FMG LEADERSHIP WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN ON

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 DAR ES 04179 121111Z

HIS MIND WHEN HE RECENTLY APPOINTED HIS FORMER SPOKESMAN, BEN MKAPA AS TANZANIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER IN LAGOS (SEE REFAIR). TO ACHIEVE THIS HE IS EVIDENTLY PUBLICLY WILLING TO SWALLOW HIS RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE NIGERIAN MILITARY REGIME. BY AGREEING TO VISIT ENUGU HE IS ALSO AGREEING TO BURY MEMORIES OF THE BIAFRAN WAR. HE WILL NO DOUBT BRIEF OBASANJO ON THE FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS' STRATEGY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. ON BEHALF OF TANZANIA AND OTHER POVERTY-STRICKEN NATIONS HIT BY THE ENERGY CRISIS, MEMBERS OF HIS DELEGATION MAY

REQUEST NIGERIAN AID OR CONCESSIONARY ACCESS TO NIGERIAN PETROLEUM.
TANZANIA HAS BEEN DISAPPOINTED BY THE FAILURE OF NIGERIAN
PROTESTATIONS OF SYMPATHY TO BE MATCHED BY CONCRETE MEASURES OF
ASSISTANCE.

TANZANIA IS ONE OF THE WORLD'S POOREST COUNTRIES
WITHOUT MINERAL WEALTH OR STRATEGIC SIGNIFICANCE. ITS IMPACT
ON AFRICAN (OR WORLD) PROBLEMS IS DUE SOLELY TO THE SKILL AND
ATTRACTIVENESS OF NYERERE. IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT HE
HAS DECIDED TO EXERCISE IT PERSONALLY AT THIS TIME ON THE
OBJECTIVELY MOST POWERFUL BLACK NATION OF ALL.
OTHER WEST AFRICAN COUNTRIES MAY BE ADDED TO NYERERE'S ITINERARY.

SPAIN

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptoning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: FOREIGN RELATIONS, CHIEF OF STATE VISITS, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 12 NOV 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: BoyleJA
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976DARES04179
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760422-0264
From: DAR ES SALAAM
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19761155/aaaabvdq.tel
Line Count: 130
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 DAR ES SALAAM A-66
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: BoyleJA
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 28 APR 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <28 APR 2004 by CollinP0>; APPROVED <13 SEP 2004 by BoyleJA>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: TANZANIAN-NIGERIAN RELATIONS: NYERERE ANNOUNCES VISIT
TAGS: PFOR, TZ, NI, (NYERERE, JULIUS K)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006